

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please delete the first heading before paragraph [0001] as follows:

~~Description~~

Please replace the second heading before paragraph [0001] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Technical Area~~ **BACKGROUND**

Please delete the heading before paragraph [0002] as follows:

~~Background Information~~

Please delete the heading before paragraph [0004] as follows:

~~Illustration of the Invention~~

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] ~~The~~ An object of the present invention is to improve the known ironing boards, in particular by reconfiguring the rest surface for the iron to thereby achieve greater safety and flexibility in handling the ironing board.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] ~~This object is achieved by the features of Claim 1. The features of subclaims 2 through 14 represent improved embodiments of the present invention.~~ The design of the iron rest in the form of a drawer, so it may be pushed under the ironing board after use, represents an improvement with respect to the safety requirements. In addition, space is saved when storing the ironing board.

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0011] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Brief Description of the Drawing~~ **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] A plurality of exemplary embodiments of the inventive idea are illustrated in the appended ~~drawing~~ drawings.

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0017] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Detailed Description of the Exemplary Embodiments~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE  
PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace paragraph [0017] as follows:

[0017] Figure 1 shows a top view of an ironing board 2 having iron rest 3. Iron rest 3 is attached to the body of ironing board 2 as a drawer and may be pushed in under the bottom surface of the body of the ironing board 2 when not in use. Connector 4 for a power cord is attached to the bottom of iron rest 3. Connector 4 contains at the same time a socket into which the plug of iron cord 6 may be introduced. In addition, connector 4 is provided with a switch for interrupting the current. The switch itself is connected to a pilot light which indicates that current is flowing or that the current is interrupted by the switch. Connector 4 is designed so that it may be used at the same time as a handle for displaceable iron rest 3. Iron rest 3 is provided with recess 5 for guiding the iron cord to connector 4. As Figure 2 in particular shows, iron cord 6 is tensioned by a weight 7 suspended on cord 6. Support 10 for the iron is formed by opening 11 in iron rest 3, which is provided laterally with two support flaps 12 oriented obliquely to the ironing board plane and pointing downward. Support flaps 12 are articulated to opposite side edges of opening 11 via hinges 14 (not shown in detail). In this way they may be folded into the plane of opening 11 and fixed there.